

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1388

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mary Louise Wellons
Powell of Hardeman County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mary Louise Wellons Powell, an exemplary individual who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on May 29, 1942, Mrs. Powell was the daughter of Louis Monroe Wellons, Sr., and Mary Elizabeth Pruette Wellons; she was a 1961 graduate of Grand Junction High School, where she excelled as a basketball star; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Powell worked in the Hardeman County Trustee's Office for more than fifty years, first serving as an assistant to her husband, a Hardeman County Trustee, for seventeen years and then serving as Trustee for the following thirty-three years upon her husband's death in 1989; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as Hardeman County Trustee, Mrs. Powell held several statewide positions connected with her job, and she earned the respect and admiration of her community for the exceptional quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, a woman of devout faith, Mrs. Powell was a member of Grand Junction First United Methodist Church and attended Hickory Valley Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Gaylon H. Powell, Sr.; brother, Louis M. Wellons, Jr.; and two nephews, Chad Wellons and Mike Wellons; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her son, Gaylon "Squeaky" Powell; sister, Roberta "Sis" Parker; nieces and nephew, Andrea Parker (Roe) Hughes, Amy (Everett) Woods, and Paul Wellons; and several great-nieces and great-nephews; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Powell leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mary Louise Wellons Powell, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Powell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.